

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A stabilizer bar assembly comprising:
a stabilizer bar; and
an anti-shift collar crimped to said stabilizer bar, said anti-shift collar comprising an elliptical outer perimeter.
2. The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said elliptical outer perimeter comprises a clipped end.
3. The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said anti-shift collar comprises a hemi-circular inner perimeter.
4. The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said anti-shift collar comprises a hemi-circular inner perimeter portion with a first and a second polygonal inner perimeter portion.
5. The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 4, wherein said anti-shift collar is crimped adjacent said first and said second polygonal inner perimeter.
6. The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 5, wherein said anti-shift collar is crimped in four places.
7. The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said anti-shift collar comprises a metallic material.

8. A method of mounting an anti-shift collar to a stabilizer bar comprising the steps of:

(1) sliding the anti-shift collar over the fully formed stabilizer bar to a desired location; and

(2) crimping the anti-shift collar at the desired location on the stabilizer bar said anti-shift collar comprising an elliptical outer perimeter.

9. A method as recited in claim 8, wherein step (2) further comprises crimping the anti-shift collar on an outer perimeter opposite a first and a second polygonal inner perimeter portion.

10. A method as recited in claim 8, wherein step (2) further comprises crimping the anti-shift collar on an outer perimeter to form a first and a second pinched area to lock the anti-shift collar to the stabilizer bar.

11. A method as recited in claim 8, wherein step (2) further comprises crimping the anti-shift collar on an outer perimeter adjacent a clipped end.